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Donna Shalala, Secretary
US Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am very concerned that the Food and Drug Administration is considering weakening the labeling requirements for irradiated food. A number of tests have shown that irradiation causes chemical changes in foods that may create carcinogens. Surely I have a right to know if the food I eat has been subjected to radiation.

Packaged foods should bear prominently placed disclosures of radiation. Unpackaged foods should be accompanied by a prominent nearby poster disclosing that they have been irradiated. Anything less could endanger the public's health, and would be an outrage.

Yours truly,
John B. Drachma:

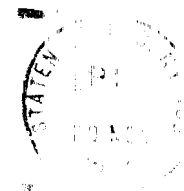
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